## STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2019, Arizona's Department of Child Safety received over 46,000 reports involving alleged maltreatment of children; and

WHEREAS, parenting is one of the most important and rewarding jobs in America; and

WHEREAS, every parent and caregiver needs strong communities that support and strengthen children and families; and

WHEREAS, everyone plays a part in ensuring that parents and caretakers can ask for help and have access to the resources and support they need to be successful caregivers; and

WHEREAS, well-supported families are more resilient and better able to raise confident, happy, healthy, and safe children; and

WHEREAS, strong commitments to supporting families and building resilience in youth help communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, everyone can be involved in child abuse prevention and supporting local agencies and activities that provide opportunities and supports to families in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

and call upon the communities and individual citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to strengthen families, protect children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE